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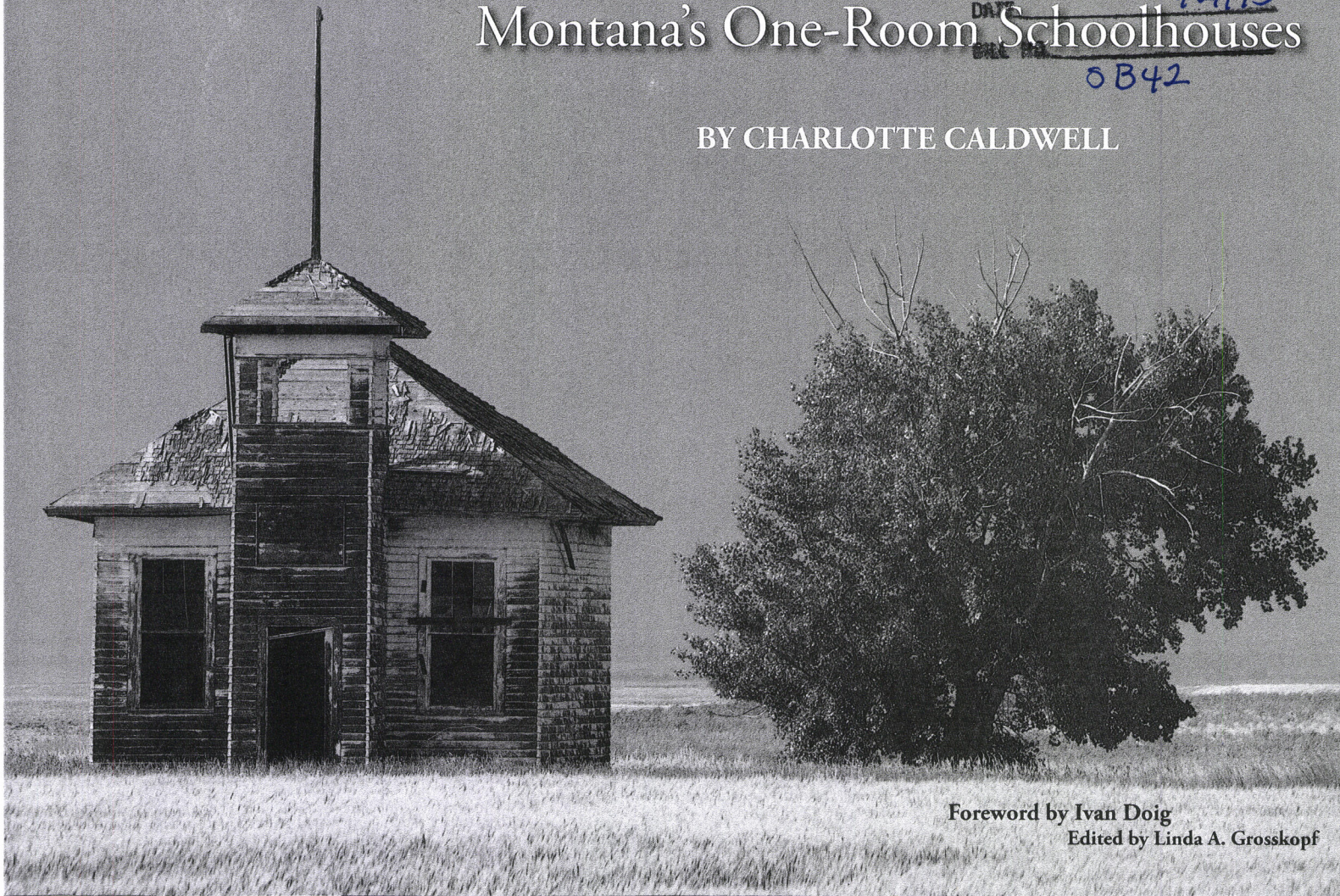
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*Vision and Voice* beautifully tells the story of the essential role that one-room schoolhouses played in making Montana the place it is today. In her images of these structures and her interviews with those who spent time in them, Charlotte Caldwell captures an important piece of Montana history that should not be allowed to disappear. Places tell stories, and many of these deeply moving stories evoke echoes of Ivan Doig's marvelous *The Whistling Season*. Montanans of all ages who care about their history should read this book, and people elsewhere who simply like great stories should read it as well. I love it!

Richard Moe, President Emeritus, National Trust for Historic Preservation

With iconic images wedded to colorful, heartfelt prose, Caldwell offers a fascinating journey across Montana and deep into the identity of the hardy souls determined to plant themselves within this immense landscape and make a go of it. The small building sheathed in clapboard, with few visible signs of connection to its community, marked that determination, collecting the resolved wisdom of inhabitants and immigrants, blending them slowly with the hard won experience of life under the big sky, creating an authentic and unique society.

Hugh Ambrose, Historian and Author

Charlotte has captured the historic majesty of Montana's rich tradition of community-based education through these narratives and her photography. Her work makes an important and beautiful contribution to keeping this story alive for future generations to enjoy.

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